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August 6, 2015

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STATUS MEMO REGARDING MAXIMIZING THE UTILIZATION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE CRIME PREVENTION ACT FUNDING (ITEM NO. 46-A, AGENDA OF JULY 14, 2015)

Pursuant to a July 14, 2015 motion by Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Sheila Kuehl, the Board instructed the Interim Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Probation Officer to work with the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), and any other requisite parties, to report back within 21 days with an amended spending plan that allows for the immediate allocation of \$1,000,000 to fund critical programs and services delivered by community-based organizations in each Supervisorial District.

Background

California Government Code (GC) Section 30061 requires that a local juvenile justice plan be developed by the local juvenile justice coordinating council in each county with the membership described in Section 749.22 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The plan is reviewed and modified annually by the council and by the County Board of Supervisors. The plan is then submitted to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) by May 1st of each year for approval. BSCC requires that all programs have an articulated and justifiable evidence basis, capture specific and mandated outcomes, be evaluated, and serve a specifically identified population.

GC Section 30061 further requires that local juvenile justice plans shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following components:

- An assessment of existing law enforcement, probation, education, mental health, health, social services, drug and alcohol, and youth services resources that specifically target at-risk juveniles, juvenile offenders, and their families.

- An identification and prioritization of the neighborhoods, schools, and other areas in the community that face a significant public safety risk from juvenile crime, such as gang activity, daylight burglary, late-night robbery, vandalism, truancy, controlled substances sales, firearm-related violence, and juvenile substance abuse and alcohol use.
- A local juvenile justice action strategy that provides for a continuum of responses to juvenile crime and delinquency, and demonstrates a collaborative and integrated approach for implementing a system of swift, certain, and graduated responses for at-risk youth and juvenile offenders.

Additionally, GC Section 30061 requires that programs proposed to be funded shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

- Be based on programs and approaches that have been demonstrated to be effective in reducing delinquency and addressing juvenile crime for any elements of response to juvenile crime and delinquency, including prevention, intervention, suppression, and incapacitation.
- Collaborate and integrate services of all the resources set forth in the statute to the extent appropriate.
- Employ information sharing systems to ensure that county actions are fully coordinated and designed to provide data for measuring the success of juvenile justice programs and strategies.
- Adopt goals related to the outcome measures that shall be used to determine the effectiveness of the local juvenile justice action strategy.

Substantive modifications to the County's Comprehensive Multi-Agency Juvenile Justice plan requiring BSCC approval include adding or deleting a program, major changes in the GC target population served by a program, demonstrated effectiveness evidence, and significant changes in program outcomes that impact reporting requirements.

State law requires that the following outcomes be assessed for approved programs: arrest rate, rate of successful completion of probation, incarceration rate, probation violation rate, rates of completion of restitution and court-ordered community service, and annual per capita program costs.

Utilization of Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Fund

A JJCC meeting has been scheduled for August 14, 2015, at which time the Board's motion will be discussed. A motion will be put before JJCC to allocate \$1,000,000 to each Supervisorial District.

JJCC had previously authorized the one-time allocation of \$8,000,000 to fund the New Direction Early Intervention and Diversion program for two years. A separate motion will be made before JJCC to authorize the extension of the New Direction program by an additional two years, for a total of four years, and allocate an additional one-time amount of \$6,500,000, bringing the overall allocation to \$14,500,000. The budget will be readjusted accordingly over the four years and the program further extended as resources allow. This additional expenditure will also require JJCC approval and it should be noted that the funding levels are based on estimates.

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New Direction is an early intervention and diversion program designed to provide at-risk youth and first-time offenders and their families with the coordinated supportive services necessary to decrease the likelihood of ongoing delinquency and increase the potential for keeping these youth and families outside of the delinquency system. Participants will be referred to a current Department of Mental Health contracted community-based organization for a full in-home psycho-social comprehensive assessment, including mental health, health, and substance abuse.

It is further proposed that the remaining \$1,500,000 be allocated to enhance JJCPA employment and vocational training services. The Probation Department (Probation) intends to enter into an agreement with the Department of Community and Senior Services to deliver the services proportionately to each Supervisorial District.

This proposal will fully exhaust the \$21,000,000 in the JJCPA trust account.

We are also requesting a sixty day extension to allow Probation sufficient time to finalize all additional funding proposals.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, your staff may contact Sheila Williams, Chief Executive Office, at (213) 974-1155 or Reaver Bingham, Probation, at (562) 940-2513.

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This memo provides an updated status on the motion. The JJCC officially convened on Friday, August 14, 2015. Following standard protocol, the agenda was posted 72 hours in advance of the meeting per the Brown Act requirements. The Probation Department (Probation) chairs the JJCC which is a sub-committee of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee.

Presentations were made regarding the proposed allocation of the \$21.0 million that has accumulated in the Justice Crime Prevention Act trust account. The presentations were separated into three distinct allocations:

1. Allocate \$1.0 million to each Supervisorial District;
2. Allocate an additional \$6.5 million to fund the New Direction Early Intervention and Diversion program. (In January 2015, JJCC had previously authorized the one-time allocation of \$8.0 million to fund this program for two years.); and
3. Allocate the remaining \$1.5 million among the existing employment and vocational training services contracts.

These three proposals will fully exhaust the \$21.0 million in the JJCPA trust account. Following the presentations, there was a period for public comment. Probation introduced a motion for each of the proposed allocations; however, there were no seconds to any of the motions by the voting body. As such, each motion died. A listing of the JJCC voting members and representatives is attached (Attachment A).

As a result, Probation convened a working group meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2015, with the JJCC voting members, as well as key non-voting stakeholders. The purpose of this meeting was to provide more extensive information to the members and to craft a spending plan with collective membership support. Once the group formally reconvenes, it is anticipated that the JJCC members will be in a better position to make a more informed vote when the related motions are reintroduced.

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California GC Section 30061 further requires that local juvenile justice plans shall include assessments of key stakeholder, resources and services, and prioritize community safety, strategies that provide a continuum of responses related to at-risk youth, juvenile offenders, and their families.

Additionally, California GC Section 30061 requires that programs proposed to be funded shall be based on demonstrated effectiveness, are collaborative in nature, employ information sharing systems that ensure county actions are fully coordinated, and designed to provide data for measuring success of programs and strategies, and adopt

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We will report back to the Board within 60 days on our progress.

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November 2, 2015

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This memo provides a summary of action taken since the last report. The JJCC officially convened on Tuesday October 13, 2015. The agenda item to allocate \$1.0 million to each of the five Supervisory Districts (a total of \$5.0 million) included presentations from each Board Office were made. The motion was approved by a majority.

The total trust account balance is currently estimated at \$25.1 million following an additional allocation by the State in the amount of \$4.1 million. Prior to this meeting, \$8.0 million of the trust balance had been approved and committed (for the New Direction Early Intervention and Diversion Program) thereby making the remaining available balance \$17.1 million.

State law, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), and local policies require that all new programs must be approved by BSCC through an application modification process that includes a specific budget. Should any modifications to programs or budget occur, Probation will work with each Board Office to ensure that they are consistent with legal and policy expectations. Additionally, any new services being provided by agencies that will be working directly with youth and families will be subject to the same general contract requirements as existing services including but being limited to those required by County policy, confidentiality requirements, background checks, insurance/proof of indemnification, and other requirements.

All programs and services selected by the Board Offices require compliance with State law that mandates the following outcomes be assessed for approved programs: arrest rate, rate of successful completion of probation, incarceration rate, probation violation rate, rates of completion of restitution and court-ordered community service, school attendance, suspensions, expulsions, and annual per capita program costs. Agencies will also be subject to monitoring of performance in a manner that complies with Probation Department and County policy and law.

A separate agenda item on the same date considered the allocation of \$300,000 for research and evaluation of the JJCPA program through the Master Agreement with the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee. The motion to approve those funds was passed by JJCC majority. Because the approved allocation exceeded the \$200,000 threshold for such evaluations, Board approval will be sought.

As a result of the approval to allocate \$5.3 million, a balance of approximately \$11.8 million remains to be spent.

In the next 90 days, JJCC will establish work groups for the purpose of examining and recommending the most appropriate manner by which to spend the balance of the JJCPA Trust Account. The recommendations will be heard by the full JJCC body in mid-January 2016 for consideration and vote.

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